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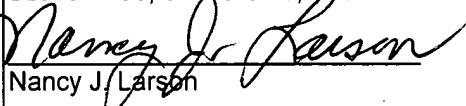
re application of: William J. Anderl et al : Confirmation No. 3563  
Group Art Unit: 2874 : IBM Corporation  
Examiner: T. M. Lin : Intellectual Property Law  
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SYSTEMS AND METHODS THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action date mailed February 9, 2005, Applicants make the following election:

**Election to Restriction** is made on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this Response.

**Election to Restriction**

Applicants elect with traverse the Claims 1-8 and 27-28 of Group I.